Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - December 2011

Location Date/Time Deaths & Property & Event Type and Details Injuries Crop Dmg

IOWA, Southwest

(IA-Z043) MONONA, (IA-Z055) HARRISON, (IA-Z056) SHELBY

12/03/11 10:00 CST 0 Winter Storm
12/03/11 22:00 CST 0

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NEBRASKA, East

(NE-Z042) PLATTE, (NE-Z043) COLFAX, (NE-Z044) DODGE, (NE-Z045) WASHINGTON, (NE-Z050) BUTLER, (NE-Z051) SAUNDERS, (NE-Z052) DOUGLAS

12/03/11 07:00 CST 0 Winter Storm

12/03/11 22:00 CST 0

(NE-Z066) LANCASTER

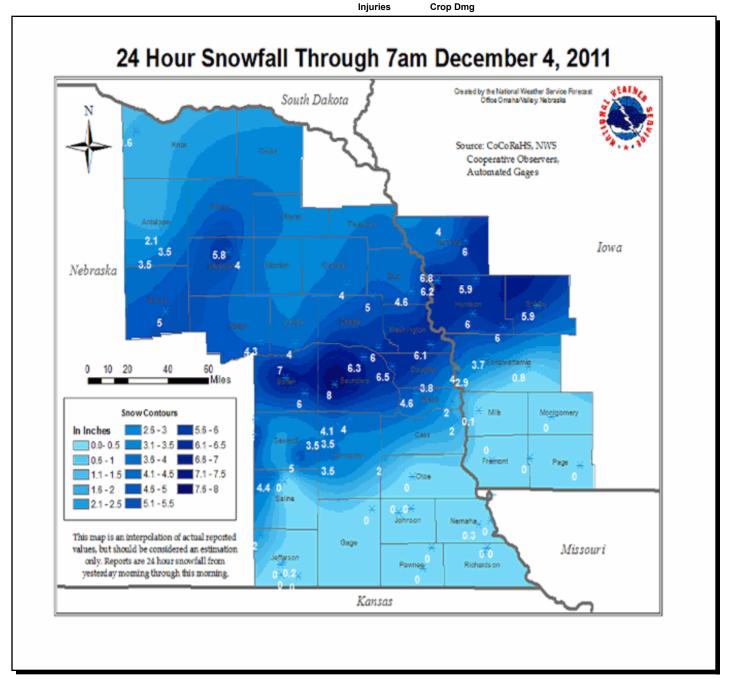
12/03/11 09:30 CST 75K Winter Weather

12/03/11 21:31 CST 0

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The first significant and widespread snowfall of the year blanketed much of eastern Nebraska and western lowa. The line between rain and snow lingered from just south of Lincoln to just south of Omaha and into Pottawattamie County, lowa, for much of the day. The highest snowfall amounts stretched from David City to Fremont to Onawa, where 5 to 8 inches of snow fell in a band that lingered for much of the day. Meanwhile, most of southeast Nebraska and southwest lowa saw just a trace of snow that fell after dark as the storm was exiting. Snowfall totals across the Omaha metro area ranged from around 3 to 6 inches, while the Lincoln area received 2 to 4 inches.

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